

## FRICTION BETWEEN THE ALLIED POWERS GROWING

Austrian Disaster on the Piave Graver Than at First Given Out.

(By J. C. Segre.)  
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Zurich.—In attempting to understand the confused political situation in Germany the character of the present relations prevailing between Germany and Austria must not be overlooked. I understand from an authoritative source these relations are now openly strained. The Austrian disaster on the Piave, the precise details of which I am able to send you, has apparently exhausted Germany's patience. There is reason to believe her impatience has lately found somewhat free expression.

Side by side with her intrigues in neutral lands, Austria is putting a constantly increasing pressure upon Germany to make peace proposals which may have some chance of serious consideration from the allies. One has the impression that in its confused and foggy way Austrian diplomacy is trying to produce a political vacuum which while bolstering the tottering empire may satisfy the ambitions of the oppressed nationalists. Austria is not only without the smallest influence upon Germany, but is not fitting to be understood that important and highly confidential diplomatic negotiations will shortly begin between Germany and Austria-Hungary.

These negotiations, which are not to be confused with the economic negotiations now in progress will doubtless aim to find some way out of the military, economic and political tangle in which the central powers now find themselves, and to remove the causes of friction existing between them. One may further presume, although my information does not cover this last point, that the whole question of the outlook for peace has been thoroughly explored.

The situation in Austria-Hungary itself continues to present highly interesting possibilities. Recent government changes in Germany, the forthcoming meeting of parliament and the gathering of the new harvest are obvious factors likely to exercise an influence.

The full facts, now beginning to leak out despite rigid censorship, show the gravity of the Piave disaster. Excluding the Austrians slightly wounded, their losses are numbered at about 200,000. Of this number 10,000 were drowned in the swollen Piave. Forty thousand deserters fled inland after the disaster. The morale of the military supervisors is severely affected. The Italians hit harder than they suspected. The economic situation in Austria-Hungary continues to be intolerably bad. A chronic state of impending crisis prevails. While it is true that the organized strike movement was rapidly terminated, it is also true that partial spasmodic strikes continue to occur daily in various parts of the Austrian empire. A railway journey from Vienna to provincial cities now sometimes takes several days owing to sudden stoppages of work by railway men. The reduced bread ration cannot even be maintained in some districts and the bread provided is almost unpalatable.

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## LONDON BREATHES, WORKS, SLEEPS, EATS AND PLAYS IN WAR-SURCHARGED ATMOSPHERE

(By Floyd MacGriff, International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

London.—(By Mail).—London breathes, works, sleeps, eats, yes, even plays, in an atmosphere surcharged with war. That fact is impressed upon a visitor to the world's much-bombarded metropolis before he has been in the city twenty-four hours. It is not a flag-waving, hip-hurrying spirit of belligerency, but a quiet, businesslike, determined, self-sacrificing attitude, which does not have to be looked for to be sensed.

The soldiers in the streets, mostly officers on leave, the deteriorated but "get-along-somehow" service of hotels, the meat, sugar and butter rations, the women doing men's work, the discussions of possible air raids—a popular subject as baseball in season in America—these factors, more than anything, show that London is a world metropolis and the British empire all that its name implies. A ten minutes' walk along the Strand, which in a way may be compared with Broadway, New York, around Forty-second street, will impress one with the scope of the Union Jack and how the colonies have come to the defense of the motherland.

Husky and swarthy native New Zealanders, here on leave, drop into a tea room in the most approved British fashion at 4 o'clock, while at a nearby table two Canadians, in khaki bearing the word "Canada" in nicked letters on their shoulders, gossip. Scottish officers, in bare knees and a riot of color elsewhere in their kilts costumes, swing along jauntily with canes and rakish rimless hats. English officers, who look

as though they might have graduated from the Fort Benjamin Harrison Officers' school, and who would pass for native sons of Cleveland or Kansas City, find matches, which are not any too plentiful, for a couple of South Africans on leave. Conspicuous Tommies, whose slack apparel and blue armbands denote they have gone through the worst the Hun can do, walk about slowly with canes and crutches. Their faces show they have suffered.

Despite the losses in ships and soldiers and the huge daily bill the Britisher does not moan. The fourth year of the war finds him plugging away, doggedly determined that he shall not be starved, bombed out, destroyed or dictated to by the Hun. Newspapers and public men, while they may quarrel about methods to be used, generally center their efforts on what is wrong with the war plans and how they may be righted speedily. The theaters give some indication of the Britisher's determination to "carry on." Some theaters are sold out two weeks in advance. Movies are crowded, but mostly by women or soldiers on leave.

With the women, especially those whose sons, husbands or brothers have been poured into the war crucible, action is paramount. Women and girls who might be working in a factory in America, here are more than anything, show that labor is concerned, keeping industrial life above water. They have done short skirts and puttees and taken their places in all kinds of outdoor work, including operation of taxicabs, delivering parcels, taking tickets on motor buses, etc.

Elevators in subways are operated by girls. There are few buildings with lifts. Store windows are washed by women. Clerks are women, and that applies to offices generally. Few men are waiters, and those few are foreigners. Many shops—and London is a city of small shops—are run by women. Many newswomen are women.

Trafalgar square, from which one may go to Piccadilly, the "Fifth Avenue" shop center, or to the Strand, the "Broadway," is stationary. They never become seasick or dizzy in high altitudes and lose all sense of dread, such as is experienced by normal persons. The explosions of airplane engines are entirely unheard by the natives, although in all other respects they are exactly as keen as anyone.

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## KAISER PUT ALL HIS MIGHT IN OFFENSIVE

Information Indicates Manpower Was Drawn From All Parts of Empire.

(By Cyril Brown.)  
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The Hague.—Previous to the offensive which the Germans have begun in France, information from Germany indicated that the empire's maximum strength was being drawn upon for what the Kaiser, the general staff and the German people hope will be the decisive blow, though recently there has not been any open boasting of "ultimate victory." It was only the other day that Gen. Von Ardenne, military critic of the Berlin Tageblatt, wrote:

"Unless all signs are deceptive the great hour is not far distant."  
The German military machine never has worked under higher pressure bringing men into the army. Even the war industries have been drained for recruits, since fighting men are more important today than ammunition, of which immense reserves had been piled up for the new ruthless offensive.

All parts of the empire contributed their quota, late advices from Bavaria saying that the "King recently administered the oath to a large number of new troops of all arms."

Not only men but copper has been mobilized for this offensive. Large numbers of public buildings recently have been shorn of their copper roofs, including the Tietz and Wertheim department stores of Berlin, the Brandenburg Arch, Prince Albrecht's palace, the Imperial Library, the old museum of the Kaiser Wilhelm Academy, six churches and various synagogues.

One of the most important factors, next to the food troubles, is that the German public is beginning to realize that the Americans are of real importance. This, in spite of the attempt of the German leaders to belittle the efforts of the Americans. At the closing session of the Prussian house of lords, Count Von Arnim said significantly:

"The American reserves won't decide the war; they have come too late. Yet the war must be continued in order that we may beat ourselves by internal dissensions. May England's and America's war aims everywhere be recognized."

"The present time, heavy with fate, will for centuries decide the position of the individual to society. Does the individual belong to himself or to the whole? Prussia has long decided for the latter."

Symbolic or coming events is the fact that Gen. Ludendorff has given a commission to a Bavarian tombstone concern for a monument to his family to be set up in the Kaiser's memorial cemetery in Berlin. The tombstone will have two plaques for his two sons, who were killed while serving in the aviation corps.

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## SAMMIES CALL HUN HAND AT FOSSOY

Raw Reimment Smashes Crack Hun Division—Rebut Teuton Sneers.

Paris, July 12.—In praising the fighting qualities of the American troops Col. De Thomassin, a military writer, in concluding his article on the battle situation today, says he cannot resist the pleasure of quoting a passage concerning the Americans from the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The German paper declared: "These American soldiers are cannon fodder. They are incapable of standing up to our seasoned troops. America has been powerless to train the forcibly enlisted men she has shipped to Europe."

The way the Americans treated a crack German division at Fossoy, says Col. De Thomassin, is a lesson in the German writer food for reflection.

## "WAACS" MAKE MERRY AT THE BATTLEFRONT

War Has Few Terrors for English Girls Who Are Doing Their Bit for Country.

Paris.—The English "Tommy Waacs" or members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, who are working at the front, are leading by no means dolorous lives. They have a goodly share of the irrepressible humor of their brothers, the Tommies, and this is notably in evidence on the doors of the huts in which they sleep. The first hut in the camp is entitled "No Man's Land." The Show-hut of the camp is "Tophole," whose windows are covered by dainty pink curtains and lockers covered by material of the same color, which are freshly cut flowers are always in evidence. The girls prefer life in camp to being billeted in French houses, for in camp they can have more fun, and camp life gives them a spot all their own to fuss over and beautify. Fun and high spirits are universal among the young women, probably because they never felt or looked so well in their lives.

## KAISER WATCHES BATTLE FROM AFAR

Amsterdam, July 12.—Emperor William watched the opening of the latest German offensive from an advanced observation post northwest of Rheims, his favorite correspondent, Karl Rosner, reports in a dispatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

"The emperor," says the correspondent in his customary florid style, "listened to the terrible orchestra of our surprise fire attack and looked upon the unparalleled picture of the projectiles raging toward the enemy positions."

## MRS. SAMUEL DUGGAN MAY GO TO FRANCE

(Special to The News.)  
Knoxville, July 12.—Mrs. Samuel Duggan, prominent state club woman of Knoxville, may go to France Aug. 1 on an official representative of the National Y. W. C. A. war council board on a two months' tour of inspection of conditions in France among the women workers with a view to making the association in France more efficient and helpful. She is now in Danielson, Conn., and the offer telegraphed here was forwarded to that place.

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